

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS



March 29, 1974

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-55

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRAUD UNITS

SUBJECT: ADULT AID FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

REFERENCE:

In order to provide for continued reporting of adult aid fraud investigations and recoveries which remained in the counties' workload on December 31, 1973, and to answer questions concerning fraud reporting in general, we have prepared the following instructions:

1. Current instructions call for the use of the revised Fraud Investigation Activity Reports DPA 266.1 and DPA 266.1A (12/73) beginning with the January 1974 report month. Counties should no longer use the old Fraud Investigation Activity Report forms. Because the revised forms have no provisions for reporting Adult Aid cases which were pending as of December 31, 1973, counties are to use the revised form (DPA 266.1 (12/73)), clearly labeled to indicate that it refers to Adult Aid cases only, and are to enter the data in the column labeled "Other". Each county will continue reporting Adult Aid fraud cases which were pending December 31, 1973, until all such cases have been disposed of. Recoveries from such cases must still be reported in Part D, "Recoveries".
2. Current instructions provide that the Food Stamp fraud column of the DPA 266.1A should be used only for reporting food stamp cases. However, those counties not in the Food Stamp Program should continue to use this column for reporting fraud under the Donated Foods (Surplus Commodities) program.
3. Fraud which is alleged in the counties' programs for emergency loans to recipients covered under the SSI program should be reported in the "GR" column of the DPA 266.1A.

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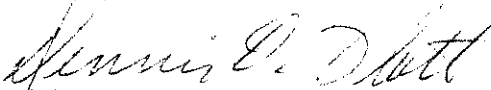
4. When an SIU handles all phases of the Earnings Clearance System, it should not report a case as "accepted for investigation" if the case is subject only to a mechanical action, e.g., routine matching of the ECS printout against the welfare case file or routine recomputation of the budget for the month in question. A case should be reported as "accepted for investigation" when (1) there is an unexplained discrepancy in excess of \$100 per quarter, and (2) it passes initial investigative screening and appears to be a legitimate fraud referral.

Fraud reports on adult aids for the months of January, February and March 1974 will be due April 16, 1974, and following monthly reports are due by the 12th working day of the month following the end of the report month.

Continue mailing the reports to the State Department of Benefit Payments, Program Information Bureau, 744 P Street, Mail Station 12-81, Sacramento, California 95814.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Program Information Bureau at (916) 322-2230 or (ATSS) 492-2230.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: County Welfare Directors' Association